

REMARKS

Claims 1-25, and 27-44 are currently pending in this application. Claims 1-10, 21-25, and 27-44 stand allowed. Claims 11-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over French Patent Application No. 2,732,030 in view of the teaching referenced to Brownfield (U.S. 6,306,493).

Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Claim Amendments

Claim 11 was amended to recite a new range for the poly-p-oxybenzoate component from 0.5 to 1.5 percent by weight. Support for this amendment may be found throughout the specification, and specifically in paragraph [0039].

Claims 11-20 – 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

The rejection of claims 11-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over French Patent Application No. 2,732,030 in view of the teaching referenced to Brownfield (U.S. 6,306,493) is believed to be rendered moot by the foregoing amendment.

French Patent '030 teaches a marked article comprising PTFE and 0.1 to 5 weight percent arylene sulfide polymer, among other constituents. However, French Patent '030 does not teach or suggest the addition of poly-p-oxybenzoate as claimed in independent claim 11 of the present invention. As such, French Patent '030 fails to disclose each and every element of claim 11 of the present invention, and as such, claim 11 is novel over the prior art. Claims 12-20 being dependant upon a novel base claim, Applicant respectfully asserts that all claims, including claims 11-20 are now in a condition for allowance.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully requests early consideration of the present application, entry of all amendments herein requested, and allowance of all pending claims.

The Examiner is respectfully invited to contact Todd W. Galinski at (336) 607-7448, to discuss any matter relating to this application.

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